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WILLIAM NELSON NAMED HEALTHCARE EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

(Midway, Utah, October 20, 2007) William H. Nelson, president and chief executive officer of Intermountain Healthcare, was recently named the Distinguished Healthcare Executive of the Year by UHA, Utah Hospitals and Health Systems Association. The award, presented during the Association's Fall Leadership Conference at the Homestead Resort, recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to Utah's healthcare community. Criteria evaluated for the honor include the candidate's administrative excellence, professional performance and leadership qualities.

Nelson has been a part of the Intermountain executive team for nearly 32 years, with nine of those years as CEO. During his tenure as CEO, Intermountain has continued to pursue clinical excellence. Of the nearly 6,000 hospitals in America, only 223 have earned the coveted Magnet status granted by the

American Nurses Credentialing Center. Five of these sites are in Utah, and all are Intermountain Healthcare hospitals or services. Magnet status designates health organizations with a proven level of excellence in nursing care.

Intermountain also established the Intermountain Institute for Healthcare Delivery Research. The Institute has trained thousands of physicians and other clinicians in the principles of clinical quality improvement.

Intermountain has also focused on improved health information technology. GE Healthcare chose to partner with Intermountain to help develop a next-generation clinical information system. The “best practices” incorporated into Intermountain Healthcare’s clinical programs, and subsequently into GE’s IT products, will enhance the practice of medicine worldwide.

In addition to his work at Intermountain, Nelson is active in the Salt Lake community, having served in board positions for the Utah Symphony and Opera, Beneficial Financial Group and the United Way of Greater Salt Lake. He is also a national past chair of the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

“Through his leadership, Bill has enhanced the delivery of healthcare in Utah and the Intermountain West in profound and enduring ways,” commented UHA President Joseph Krella. “He has built a legacy of healthcare excellence that will serve residents of our state and region for years to come.”

Nelson and his wife, Christine, reside in Salt Lake City and have eight children.

UHA is a private, not-for-profit trade organization representing the hospitals and health systems in the state of Utah.

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